PTO/SB/21 (09-04)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

\

JUL 3 0 2007

A THE LEADER

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTA		Application Number	10/803,080	
	<u>_</u>	Filing Date	March 18, 2004	
FORM		First Named Invento	or Richard L. Cunningham	
		Art Unit	2635	
(to be used for all correspondence after	initial filing)	Examiner Name	Yong H. Sim	
Total Number of Pages in This Submiss		Attorney Docket Nur	mber IMMR-IMD0194 (034701-111)	
	ENCLO	SURES (check all that	apply)	
Fee Transmittal Form	☐ Drawing(s	s)	After Allowance Communication to TC	
Fee Attached	Licensing	related Papers	Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences	
Amendment / Reply	Petition		Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)	
After Final		Convert to a al Application	Proprietary Information	
Affidavits/declaration(s)		Attorney, Revocation f Correspondence Addre	Status Letter	
Extension of Time Request	Terminal (	Disclaimer	Other Enclosure(s)  (please identify below):	
Express Abandonment Request	Request f	or Refund per of CD(s)	21 pieces of art	
		dscape Table on CD		
Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	Remarks		•	
Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application				
Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR1.52 or 1.53				
SIGI	NATURE OF A	APPLICANT, ATTORN	NEY, OR AGENT	
Firm THELEN REID BROWN RAYSMAN & STEINER LLP			NER LLP	
Signature	5.	Bhat		
Printed Name	Suvashis Bhatta			
Date 7/26		/07	Reg. 46,554 No.	
	CERTIFICA	TE OF TRANSMISSIC	DN/MAILING	
I hereby certify that this corresponder Service with sufficient postage as fir Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date	st class mail ir	simile transmitted to the nan envelope addresse	USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal ed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,	
Signature	<u> </u>			

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

7126/07

Date

Monica Pizano

Typed or printed name



Docket No.: IMMR-IMD0194 (034701-111)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Richard L. Cunningham et al.

**SERIAL NO.:** 

10/803,080

**CONFIRMATION NO.: 4170** 

FILING DATE:

March 18, 2004

TITLE:

Medical Device And Procedure Simulation

**EXAMINER:** 

Yong H. Sim

ART UNIT:

2635

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date printed below:

Date: 7/26/07

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS** 

P.O. BOX 1450

**ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450** 

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

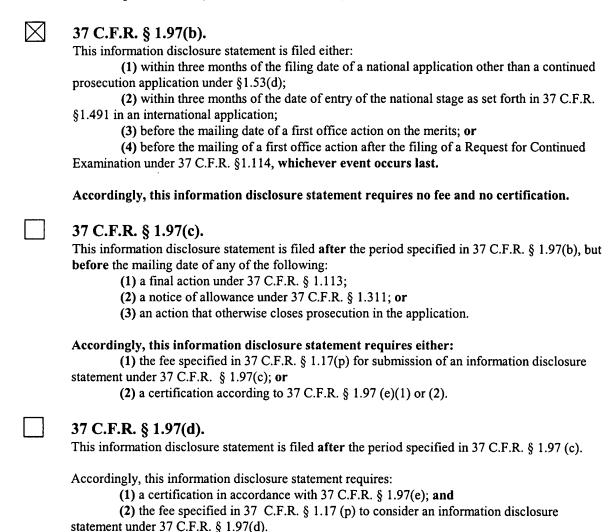
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) including a Form PTO-1449 containing a list of references which may be material to the examination of the abovereferenced application. This submission is not to be construed as a representation that a prior art search has been conducted, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that any one or more of the listed references constitutes prior art.

The Examiner is urged to carefully consider this Information Disclosure Statement and all the listed references, and to indicate same by initialing the appropriate portion(s) of the Form PTO-1449 and forwarding an initialed copy to applicant.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(2) legible copies of prior art references other than U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Application Publications are attached.

SV #301321 v1 1 Ι

This statement is filed pursuant to (CHECK ONE BOX):



If this statement crosses in the mail with an office action, or is otherwise not in the indicated category of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, it is respectfully requested that this statement be treated in the next appropriate category and made of record. To the extent required, please treat this paper as a conditional petition for acceptance of the information disclosure statement.

SV #301321 v1 2

II

Fees Due (	CHECK ONE BOX):
$\boxtimes$	No fee is due.
	The fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) is enclosed (\$180).
	III
Certification	n (CHECK ONE BOX):
$\boxtimes$	No certification is necessary.
	Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned hereby certifies:  That each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.
	Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2), the undersigned hereby certifies:  No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.
	IV
Plea	ase charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment to our deposit
account nu	mber 50-1698.
	Respectfully submitted, THELEN REID BROWN RAYSMAN & STEINER LLP
Dated: <u>Jul</u>	Suvashis Bhattacharya

Reg. No. 46,554

THELEN REID BROWN RAYSMAN & STEINER LLP

P.O. Box 640640

San Jose, CA 95164-0640

Tel: (408) 292-5800 Fax: (408) 287-8040

SV #301321 v1 3

Form PTO 1449 Atty. Docket No. Serial No. (Rev. 2-32) U.S. Department of Commerce IMMR-IMD0194 10/803,080 Patent and Trademark Office (034701-111) 7 Anformation Disclosure Statement by Applicant Applicant: Richard L. Cunningham et al. Filed: 03/18/2004 Group: 2635

(Use several sheets if necessary)

PADEMART	D		S. Patent Documents	l Ota	G-1-1	True D
Init.	Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date
	3,226,846	01/04/1966	Wood			
	4,439,162	03/27/1984	Blaine			
	4,750,487	06/14/1988	Zanetti			
	4,789,340	12/06/1988	Zikria			
	4,907,973	03/13/1990	Hon			
	5,113,872	05/19/1992	Jahrmarkt et al.			
	5,149,270	09/22/1992	McKeown			
	5,217,003	06/08/1993	Wilk			
	5,290,276	03/01/1994	Sewell, Jr.			
	5,295,694	03/22/1994	Levin			
	5,403,191	04/04/1995	Tuason			
	5,417,210	05/23/1995	Funda et al.			
	5,480,307	01/02/1996	Lang et al.			
	5,518,406	05/21/1996	Waters			
	5,609,485	03/11/1997	Bergman et al.			
	5,623,582	04/22/1997	Rosenberg			
	5,629,594	05/13/1997	Jacobus et al.			
	5,667,517	09/16/1997	Hooven			
	5,691,898	11/25/1997	Rosenberg et al.			
	5,701,140	12/23/1997	Rosenberg et al.			
	5,704,791	01/06/1998	Gillio			
	5,720,742	02/24/1998	Zacharias			
	5,766,016	6/16/1998	Sinclair et al.			
	5,767,839	06/16/1998	Rosenberg			
	5,769,640	06/23/1998	Jacobus et al.			
	5,800,179	09/01/1998	Bailey			
	5,821,920	10/13/1998	Rosenberg et al.			
	5,828,197	10/27/1998	Martin et al.			
	5,873,732	02/23/1999	Hasson			
	5,967,790	10/19/1999	Strover et al.			
	6,036,495	03/14/2000	Marcus et al.			
	6,037,927	03/14/2000	Rosenberg			1
	6,038,488	03/14/2000	Barnes et al.			
	6,057,828	5/2/2000	Rosenberg et al.			

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include a copy of this form with the next communication to applicant.

Page 2 of 3

Form PTO 1449 (Rev. 2-32) U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office			Atty. Docket No. IMMR-IMD0194 (034701-111)		10/80	Serial No. 10/803,080			
Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant		onlicant		Applicant: Richard L. Cunningham et al.					
	(Use several sheets if necessary)		/pii-mii-	Filed: 03/18/2004		Grou	Group: 2635		
,	(000 00.0101	-	S. Patent Documen	40					
Init.				Class		Subclass	s Filing	Date	
	6,106,301	08/22/2000	Merril						
	6,113,395	09/05/2000	Hon						
	6,126,450	10/03/2000	Mukai et al	l	<u> </u>				
	6,193,653	02/27/2001	Evans et al	l					
	6,375,471	04/23/2002	Wendlandt et	al.					
	6,377,011	04/23/2002	Ben-Ur						
	6,437,771	8/20/2002	Rosenberg et	al.					
	6,965,370	11/15/2005	Gregorio et a	al.					
	7,056,123	06/06/2006	Gregorio et a	al.					
	7,091,950	8/15/2006	Rosenberg et	al.					
			C. D. tt D.	4 .					
Init.	Document No.		S. Patent Documen Name	ts	Class	Subclass	s Filing	Date	
	2001/0016804	08/23/2001	Cunningham e						
	2003/0006892	01/09/2003	Church	даі.					
	2003/0006892	02/20/2003	Kuth						
	2003/0030714	04/24/2003	Rosenberg	•					
	2003/0070298	07/10/2003	Kasahara et						
	2004/0009459	01/15/2004	Anderson et						
	2004/0106916	06/03/2004	Quaid et al						
	200 110 1000 10 1								
			Foreign Documents				Tron	slation	
Init.	Document No.	Date	Name		Class	Subclass	Yes	No	
	DE 102 58 952	8/19/2004	DE				(abstract)		
	SU1124372	11/15/1984	SU					Х	
	WO 91/06935	5/16/1991	wo				(abstract)		
	WO 01/178039	10/18/2001	wo					Х	
	WO 02/094080	11/28/2002	wo					X	
	WO 95/20787	8/3/1995	wo			_		X	
	WO 96/28800	9/19/1996	wo					Х	
	WO 96/39944	12/19/1996	wo					X	
Einan					Date Cons	.: Jamad	<u> </u>		
	Examiner								
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include a copy of this form with the next communication to applicant.					ation				
II HOT III COIIIOII	Tidifice dild flot colliside	rea. merade a co	py of this form with	the next c	Communicati	ion to apprica	MIII.		

Page <u>3</u> of 3

Form PTO 1449		Atty. Docket No.	Serial No.				
(Rev. 2-32)	U.S. Department of Commerce	IMMR-IMD0194	10/803,080				
	Patent and Trademark Office	(034701-111)					
Lafamatian Disalaman Statement by Applicant		Applicant: Richard L. Cunningham et al.					
(Use several sheets if necessary)		Filed: 03/18/2004	Group: 2635				
		Filed: 05/16/2004	Gloup: 2033				
	Other Documents (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)						
	Bostrom, Mikeal et al., "Design of An Interactive Lumbar Puncture Simulator With Tactile						
	Feedback," IEEE 0-7803-1363, 1993, pp. 280-286.  Chen, Elaine et al, "Force feedback for surgical simulation," Proceedings of the IEEE 86, No. 3, March 1998, pp. 524-530.						
	Chen, Elaine Y. et al, "Exos Slip Display Research and Development," DSC-Vol. 55-1, Dynamic						
	Systems and Control, Vol., 1994, pp. 265-270.  Cover, Steven A, et al., "Interactively Deformable Models for Surgery Simulation," IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications, Vol. 13, No. 6, pp. 68-75, 1993.						
	Dawson Steven L. et al., "The Imperative for Medic	cal Simulation," Proceedi	ngs of the IEEE, Vol.				
	86, No. 3, March 1998, pp. 479-483.  Delingette, Herve, "Toward Realistic Soft-Tissue M		ation," Proceedings of				
	the IEEE, Vol. 86, No. 3, March 1998, pp. 512-523  Jackon et al., "Force Feedback and Medical Simulation of the state of t		ology and the New				
<u>.</u>	Paradigm, Chapter 24, pp. 147-151.  Merril, Jonathan R. et al., "Virtual Reality for Trade Shows and Individual Physician Training,"						
	Medical Applications, 1994, pp 40-44.  Tutorial "Models For Simulating Instrument-Tissue Interactions" at MMVR 2001 in Newport-Beach,						
	California, January 24-27, 2001, 40 pages.  Satava, Richard M., "Current and Future Applications of Virtual Reality for Medicine, Proceedings						
	of the IEEE, Vol. 86, No. 3, March 1998, pp. 484-489.						
	Shahidi et al., "Clinical Applications of Three-Dimensional Rendering of Medical Data Sets," Proceedings of the IEEE, Vol. 86, No. 3, March 1998, pp. 555-568.						
,   	Stone, Robert J. et al., "Virtual Environment Training Systems for Laparoscopic Surgery," The Journal of Medicine and Virtual Reality, 1995, pp. 42-51.						
	Wang, Yong-Jun, et al., "Force Feedback Assisted Nasoscope Virtual Surgery Simulator", 13 Journal of System Simulation, Vol. 3, May 2001, pp. 404-407 (english abstract).						
Examiner		Date Considered	d				
	al if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance and not considered. Include a copy of this form with						